

Communist China amassing large merchant fleet

Exhibition of Chater Collection

The Exhibition of the remainder of the Chater Collection of Paintings and Engravings, to be held in the British Council Centre from October 18 to October 21, contains several pictures of local topographical interest.

Among these, a water colour drawing circa 1850, depicts a view of Hong Kong and the harbour from the hillside above Murray Barracks. Government House, Government Offices, the Cathedral, Cricket Ground and the Barracks, are all shown, with a view of the harbour, Stonecutters Island and Kowloon in the distance. This drawing is considered to be by Mr. A. Baptista, pupil of George Chalmers, the Irish painter whose work is regarded today as a valuable artistic record of the early days in South China.

A further exhibit, a lithograph published in 1843, shows Victoria from East to West. It is thought to be a fairly accurate representation of the line, with the buildings shown in some detail. A reproduction of a sepia drawing of 1845 showing D'Almeida Street, emphasises the great changes that have taken place, rendering the former prospect unrecognisable today.

Views of Macao

Several views of Macao feature in the exhibition. Two of them, pencil drawings by Captain Elliott, R. N., are possibly the two most interesting pictures in the present collection from an artistic point of view.

Captain Elliott was a considerable amateur painter of considerable merit who exhibited at the Royal Academy between 1784 and 1791. He visited India and China between 1822 and 1824. Delicate and precise in execution, the two drawings show views of the city and the Praya Grande from the North and South respectively, in considerable detail.

A view of a "European House at Macao," from the original pen and ink drawing by George Chalmers, R. H. A., in the British Museum, is the one remaining link with this celebrated artist in the collection today. It is thoroughly characteristic of his style of drawing.

Two oil paintings by Chinese artists, "Whampoa Bay" and "Stormy Weather," on the River, are notable reminders of a native school of painting in the Western tradition, which, unfortunately, seemed to die out completely in later years.

Other features of the exhibition are a selection of line engravings of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, depicting various aspects of China as seen through the eyes of the period. A number of early maps of Asia, and in particular, China, add to the variety of the collection.

Red China is to have a large merchant fleet composed of vessels which are to be bought from foreign owners or which have returned to China after having been laid up in Hong Kong since the political change-over in the China mainland.

It was learned from well-informed shipping circles here yesterday that the Chinese Government, which is now in possession of a surplus of foreign exchanges for the first time in the nation's history, is preparing to buy 10 to 15 vessels from shippers in Hong Kong.

Stanley Prison assault

An additional term of nine months was given to Wong Ming, 27-year-old broker, who is still serving a two years' sentence at the Stanley Prison for housebreaking and burglary offences, by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Wong Ming was charged with assaulting and causing actual bodily harm to Chan Chiam, aged 26, at the Stanley Prison on June 21.

Chan Chiam, a tailor by profession, was serving an eight year sentence which began on March 25, 1947 for robbery, when assaulted and he died at the Queen Mary Hospital on July 1, this year.

At a previous hearing defendant was charged with the alleged murder of the deceased but this was amended to a charge of assault yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced. Detective Sub-inspector Baggett prosecuted.

Chief Officer J. McCutcheon of the Stanley Prison said that the defendant was due to be released on February 7, 1951. During the time that he had been a prisoner, the defendant had committed four offences, all assaults on fellow prisoners.

Mr. McCutcheon also added that the deceased also had a bad record while in prison—committing six breaches of discipline which included three assaults on fellow prisoners.

LAUNCH HITS ROCK NEAR LAICHIKOK

The steam launch Ching Chai, which ran aground at Ching Sah Wan near Laichikok late on Wednesday night, was under water by noon yesterday.

The vessel, on its way to Wing On Shing Shipyard for repairs, was damaged on the bottom and water-began pouring in after the ship hit a rock.

The crew members, who abandoned the vessel after the incident were all unhurt.

Reminders

Today

Union Jack Club, dance, 8 p.m.
MAAFI Club, dance, 9 to 11 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, amateur night, 7.30 p.m. (followed by broadcast over Rediffusion at 9.30 p.m.)
Lecture on "Painting" by Prof. Kan Yau-man, British Council Library, Gloucester Bldg.

Coming events

TOMORROW

St. Andrew's Church Forces' excursion, 2 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola (Show Ball), 7.30 p.m.
Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Court Brevities

A Norwegian seaman, Johan Christen Becker, aged 22, was ordered to be detained in the House of Detention by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Becker was charged with entering the Colony without permission from the Immigration authorities.

Sub-Inspector W. Gillies said that the defendant, a seaman of the m.v. Skaubo, arrived with the vessel on October 3 but failed to leave with her on October 8.

The defendant was ordered to the House of Detention until the m.v. Skaubo returns to the Colony when he will rejoin the ship.

Enthusiasm

Greater enthusiasm on the part of ship-owners to send back their vessels to China was believed to have resulted from the adverse business conditions here and the report that the Chinese People's Government is doing its utmost to render aid to private shipping concerns.

A recent report from Shanghai stated that private shipping business there was picking up with the assistance of State-owned shipping concerns.

The aid was according to the report, in the form of allocation of freight to private shipping companies by the State-owned China General Steamship Company.

Statistics showed that during the month of August privately owned shipping concerns handled more than one quarter of freight transported along the Yangtze River.

The report helped in a great extent to dissipate the fear of Chinese shippers staying away from their own country that the new Government in China would not tolerate the co-existence of private shipping concerns with State-owned shipping companies.

Charged with attempting to export unmanifested cargo to wit, 688 gallons of paraffin oil, a junk master was fined \$10 by Mr. F. K. D'Almeida at the District Court yesterday.

The paraffin oil was discovered in the junk's hold. At the time of the interception, defendant possessed no cargo manifest on the oil he was carrying.

The oil was ordered to be confiscated.

KCR monthly report

September's income of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway was the highest monthly revenue recorded for the railway since the beginning of the year, said the monthly report of the General Manager, Major I. B. Trevor.

Total revenue was HK\$988,854 (passengers: HK\$585,138; goods: HK\$282,709; miscellaneous receipts: HK\$221,007). It was HK\$128,218 more than the previous month's revenue.

Passenger figures were: Up: 227,022; Down: 224,845. Goods traffic was again quite heavy, the tonnage carried being 33,223 tons. This is a decrease of 1,070 tons over the previous month, which is due to less down-ward goods reported as due to troop movements from Kwangsi to the Yangtze area.

The principal goods forwarded were rubber tyres, iron bars, iron plates, galvanised iron wire, galvanised iron sheets, galvanised iron wire shorts, steel plates, fertilizer, gunny bags, chemicals, auto parts, rubber sheets, foreign medicine, and other goods.

Invaded goods were beans, wood oil, tea, pig hump, eggs, poultry and fish.

Derailment

A derailment occurred at Tinipo Station on the night of August 31, when four coaches of the passenger train which left Kowloon at 9.17 p.m. became derailed at the South point. A primary cause of derailment was a worn switch mechanism which had been repaired. The switch mechanism was found to be defective and had been in use for some time. The train was stopped at Tinipo Station and the passengers were evacuated. The train was then moved to the main line and continued its journey.

Nationalists still holding British ship

The Nationalist Navy is still holding the ss. Northern Glow—the only British vessel under detention—incommunicado at a base in the Pescadores.

Top-level negotiations, earlier reported to have been completed (not officially confirmed, however), have not hitherto indicated whether the 6,000-ton Hong Kong registered freighter has been, or will be, released.

Even local shipping circles connected with the Northern Glow do not seem certain of the fate of the Dalen-bound vessel, which was intercepted by a Nationalist gunboat on July 19 in the Formosan Channel and detained since then.

Lack of official information locally has somewhat confused the issue as far as the local authorities are concerned.

The Nationalists alleged that the Northern Glow was Chinese-registered and had illegally changed registry. She was engaged in the blockade-running trade and therefore it was legal for the Navy to seize her.

They further alleged that the vessel was destined for Shanghai with some 3,000 tons of steel and building material, instead of her official clearance to Dalen from Hong Kong.

Captain's contention

On the other hand, Captain E. Walker of the ship insisted that the Northern Glow is British-registered. This is being supported by the British authorities both in Taipei and the Home Office.

The British skipper stated further that his vessel was accosted in international waters and taken to Chinese territory in the Pescadores and detained at the former Japanese naval base of Maku. (The Chinese name is Yaluang).

Captain Walker reported that none of his personnel—including Chief Officer W. W. Neil, and Chief Engineer F. C. Duxon—were permitted shore leave by the naval authorities.

Local information supported Captain Walker's claim—the Northern Glow attained British registry in Hong Kong early this year. She was formerly the Nanchang.

The vessel was also reported to have operated under the Norwegian flag as the Norvaag.

During the past months, rumours of her release have circulated in the Colony, quoting Taipei arrivals. But it has been confirmed yesterday that the Nationalist Navy is still holding the British ship captive.

The fate and whereabouts of the 27 Chinese seamen aboard has still not been ascertained. It is believed, however, that the British officers are well and that the seamen are most probably safe, too.

SUGAR RATION

The Food Section, Supplies Branch, Department of Commerce and Industries, announced yesterday that from October 13 to 31 a ration of refined sugar will be made by Lane, Crawford Ltd. and the Dairy Farm Co. Ltd. and Cold Storage Co. Ltd. to holders of butter ration cards at one pound a person at 45 cents a lb.

Annual report of HK Public Relations Officer

Government departments are beginning to appreciate the value of channelling information to the Press through the Public Relations Office, said the 1949-50 annual report of the Hong Kong Government Public Relations Officer. He added that there are, however, still some who regard the Press as an enemy instead of an aid to the understanding of Government measures. The Public Relations Officer has sometimes experienced considerable difficulty in securing answers to Press questions.

This, added the report, has resulted in the Press publishing their own (sometimes incorrect) versions of measures adopted by Government for which the Press cannot be blamed as they were not properly briefed by the Department through the Public Relations Office.

On the other hand, said the report, too often representation of the Press as a source of information which properly should be secured by reporters serving on the staff of the news agency.

Support given

During the period under review, the local Press has by and large and with few exceptions, been most helpful and cooperative in its attitude towards the Government. The Government has given support to the Press in various ways, including the provision of information and the holding of press conferences.

Panamanian ship chased by warship

The Panamanian motor-vessel Mallina was fired on and pursued for more than an hour by a Chinese Nationalist warship off Amoy in the early morning of October 10, when she was on her way back to Hong Kong from the Fukien port.

The story of the narrow escape from Nationalist interception was yesterday revealed by crew members of the 600-ton vessel which returned here unscathed on Wednesday afternoon.

According to the informants, the Mallina, after picking up some cargo in Amoy, left port for Hong Kong at about midnight on Tuesday.

When the ship was just outside the Chinese territorial waters at about 2.30 am on Wednesday, she was spotted by a Chinese Nationalist warship coming out of the darkness.

The warship flashed signals to the Panamanian vessel, ordering the latter to stop. But the signals were ignored by the Panamanian ship which put up full steam and started dashing away from the warship. A few minutes later, the lone warship opened fire on the fleeing vessel and began chasing her.

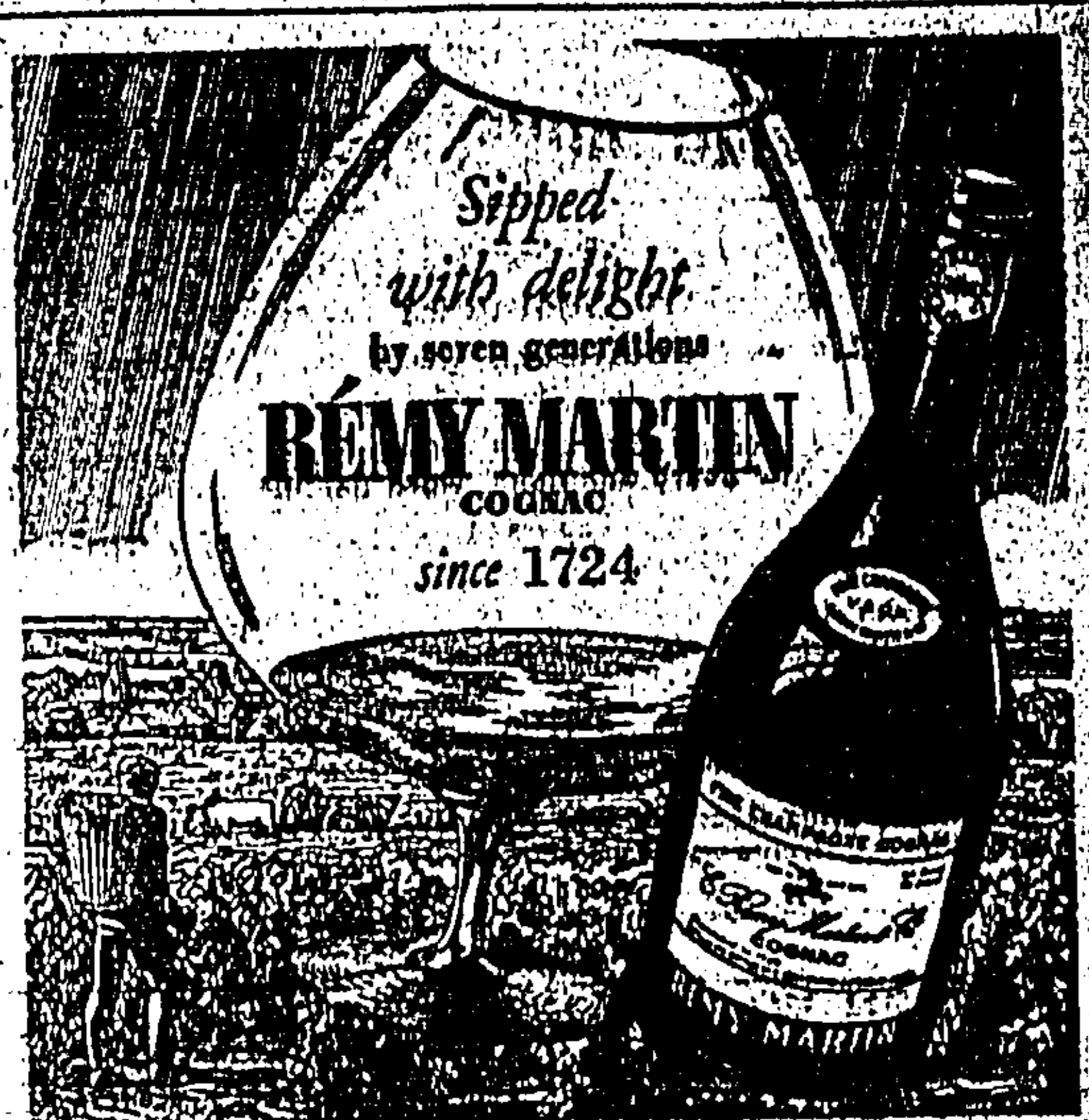
No hits

The pursuit lasted for more than an hour during which time the warship was never able to catch up with the small but fast coaster. Nor was any hit scored on her.

The Mallina of the China Steamship Company was the second vessel to have called at Amoy from Hong Kong after a long interruption of shipping service between the two ports. The first ship was the British-registered Edith Moller which returned here on Monday from two uneventful voyages to and from the Fukien port.

Another British ship, the Tonia of the H. V. Steamer Company, is expected to arrive here from Amoy today.

Crew members of the ss. Mallina revealed that the Tonia was unable to enter Amoy due to Nationalist naval interference. However, this could not be confirmed here yesterday either by the owners, Wheelock, Marsden and Company, or by the agents of the vessel.



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Sailors' joy-ride in MG results in Court case

Because they borrowed a car without the permission of the owner and then wrecked it almost completely, two seamen of HMS Black Swan appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on charges of breach of the traffic regulations.

The two sailors were Robert John Newman, aged 19 and Maurice Harold Giles, aged 19, both stokers.

Newman was charged with taking private car HK1008, an MG, from Chater Road on October 10, without the owner's permission, driving a car without valid licence, and driving without due care and caution.

Giles was charged with aiding and abetting Newman in taking away the car from Chater Road without the consent of the owner.

Newman was fined a total of \$500 for all charges and given six months to pay the fine in instalments, while Giles was fined \$150 which was to be paid within a month.

Sub-Inspector J. Duffy, prosecuting, said the car was owned by Major J. Stening, a Government servant who had parked the car in Chater Road that day.

The defendants were seen to drive the car along Queen's Road East in a very erratic manner by several persons including Police officers who had given chase.

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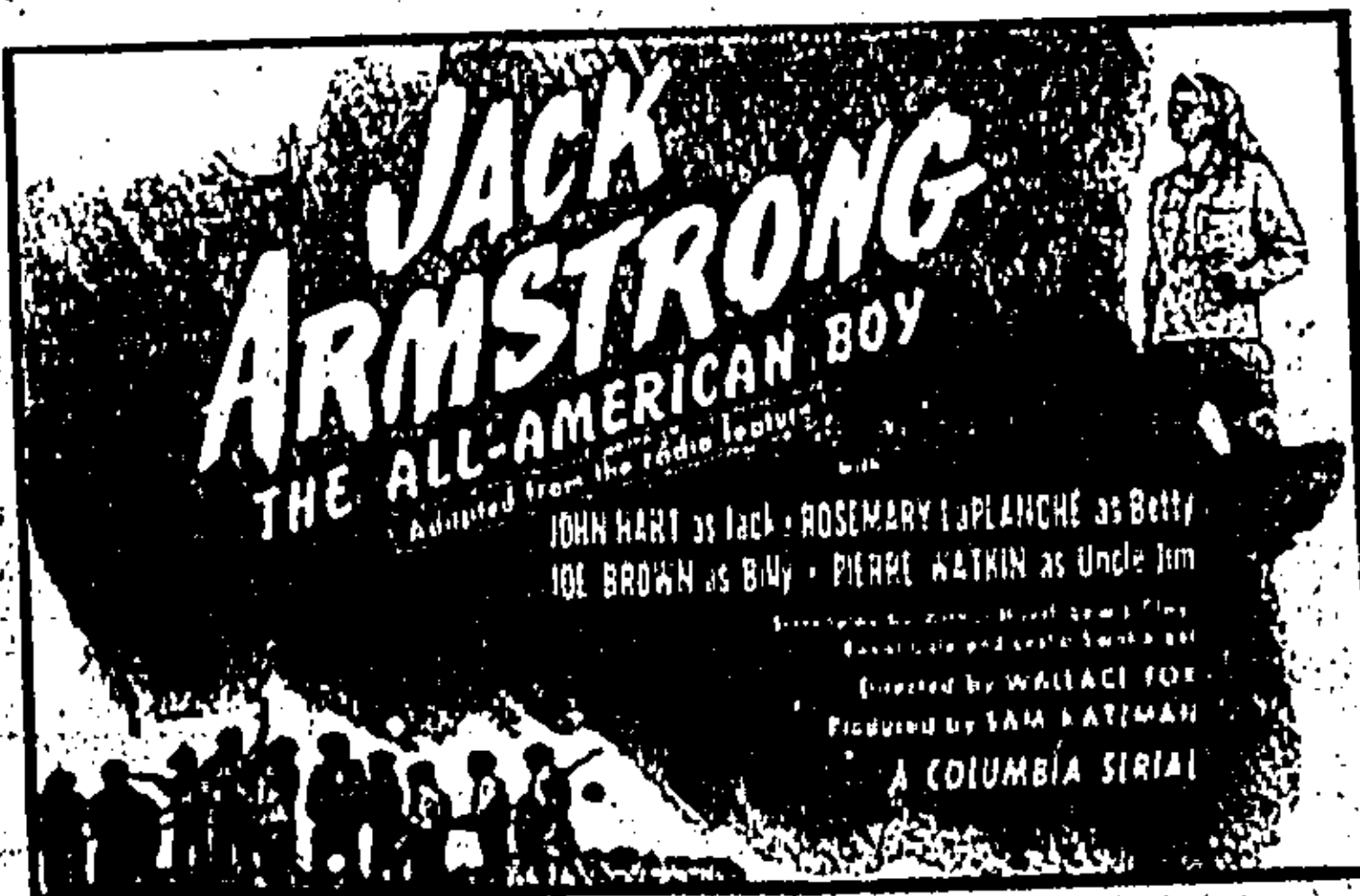
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CINEMA WORLD



LOUIS HAYWARD AND PATRICIA MEDINA
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Louis Hayward wields a handy sword

For a good job of crooning, Hollywood is likely to pick Bing Crosby. For a project that requires a forceful emotion, Broderick Crawford is likely to get the nod. And when there's an opening for an A-1 swashbuckler, Louis Hayward is an obvious choice.

Hayward, currently performing his feats of derring-do at the Roxy and Broadway in Columbia's "Fortunes of Captain Blood," one of Rafael Sabatini's thrillers, joins a select group of actors who have had a natural fitness for the swashbuckling type of role.

Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., was an example. Likewise John Barrymore, John Gilbert and Ramon Novarro, who were joined by such inter-day swashbucklers as Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

In "Fortunes of Captain Blood," Hayward brings to full flower the strenuous art of the swashbuckler. As Captain Peter Blood, who turned to piracy only when society outlawed him, Hayward participates in new escapades of Sabatini's pirate hero—fighting, looking, loving—as never before.

With the ease, grace, magnificent dash and laughing bravado induced by frequent swashbuckling roles, Hayward confounds his enemies and aids his comrade-in-arms in "Fortunes of Captain Blood."

He lands from his good ship, The Avenger, on a hostile island and, disguised as a fruit peddler,

proceeds to wreck merry havoc with the forces of the Spanish king in order to free his men who have been captured and sentenced to slavery.

Although Hayward can echow double and hose and a potent sword he is happiest when he has the opportunity to play the swashbuckler's trade.

Typical of these roles were "The Man in the Iron Mask," first of his Dumas roles; "Anthony Adverse," "Son of Monte Cristo," "Return of Monte Cristo," and "Pirates of Capri."

As the invincible Captain Blood in "Fortunes of Captain Blood," Hayward continues to confirm his standing as head man in the swashbuckling league.

Featured in the large cast of "Fortunes of Captain Blood" are Patricia Medina, George Macready, Alfonso Bedoya, Don Drake and Lowell Gilmore.

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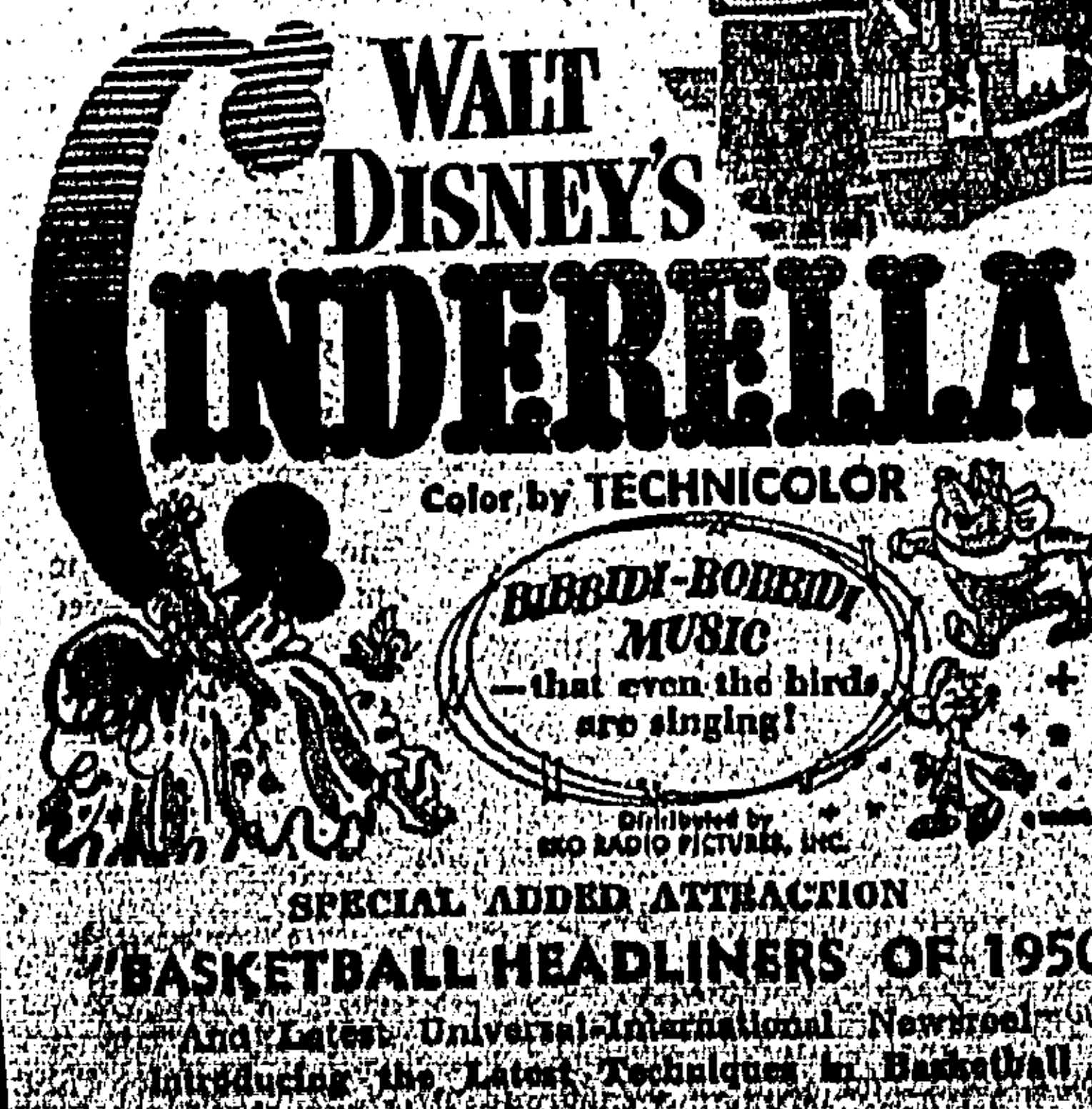
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"Three Little Words," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra is not Fred Astaire's best, but it is far from his worst. In its own way it is intriguing and interesting, because it contains a wealth of old songs beautifully re-sung. The colour is perfect, and Red Skelton's comedy is maturely comic for a change than merely slap-stick.

The story is pointless but it provides excellent opportunities for Fred Astaire and Vera-Ellen to appear in exquisite numbers. Vera-Ellen, herself, does a few dance routines which should establish her as Mr. Astaire's best partner in a long time.

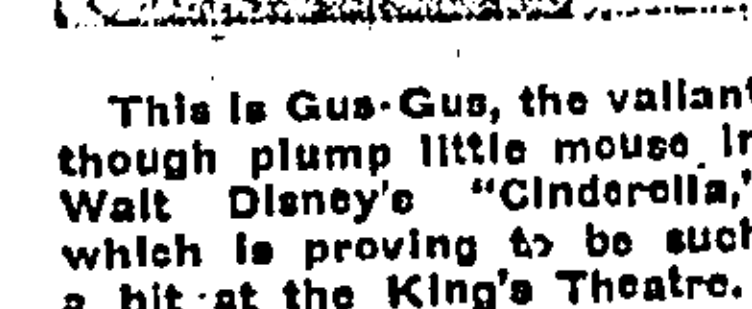
The plot is sometimes slow, but as soon as the film becomes intolerable, a brilliant spectacle of song and dance restores one's attention in the way only M-G-M knows how to do.

Mr. Astaire continues to display remarkable agility. Miss Vera-Ellen has taken a long time to emerge from anonymity, but with this picture she should begin to go places. Her special type of dancing—a combination of classical ballet with the crudest flitterbug—accentuates her talent. She is perfectly balanced, and her attitudes would be impossible if she were not thoroughly grounded in the intricacies of "The Dance" as an art-form.

"Three Little Words"—they are "I Love You"—is very subdued spectacle, but finishes with a polish which pleases.

BARBARA MURRAY IS 21 YEARS OLD

Twenty-one on September 27, Barbara Murray celebrated her birthday with a small party at a London restaurant. She had hoped that Edward Underdown and Natasha Parry, who star with her latest film, "Man Detained," would be there but they were working all night at Merton Park Studios. When her party finished, Barbara visited Edward and Natasha on the set at Merton Park and took them some of her birthday cake.



This is Gus-Gus, the valiant though plump little mouse in Walt Disney's "Cinderella," which is proving to be such a hit at the King's Theatre.

"MAN DETAINED" FINISHED

Half of Jeffrey Dell's production for Independent Artists, "Man Detained," starring Edward Underdown, Natasha Parry, William Hartnell, Maxwell Reed and Barbara Murray, has been filmed on location on the Romney Marshes and in the Hastings area of Britain. The picture has been completed in 12 weeks.



Cecil B. DeMille's "Samson and Delilah," which is now showing at the Lee and Liberty Theatres, is continuing to draw the crowds at every performance. The Technicolor spectacle which is based on the Bible story of Hedy Lamarr and Victor Mature, plus a cast of thousands. Above, Miss Lamarr is shown in a dress that would have had the Philistines whistling in the market square.

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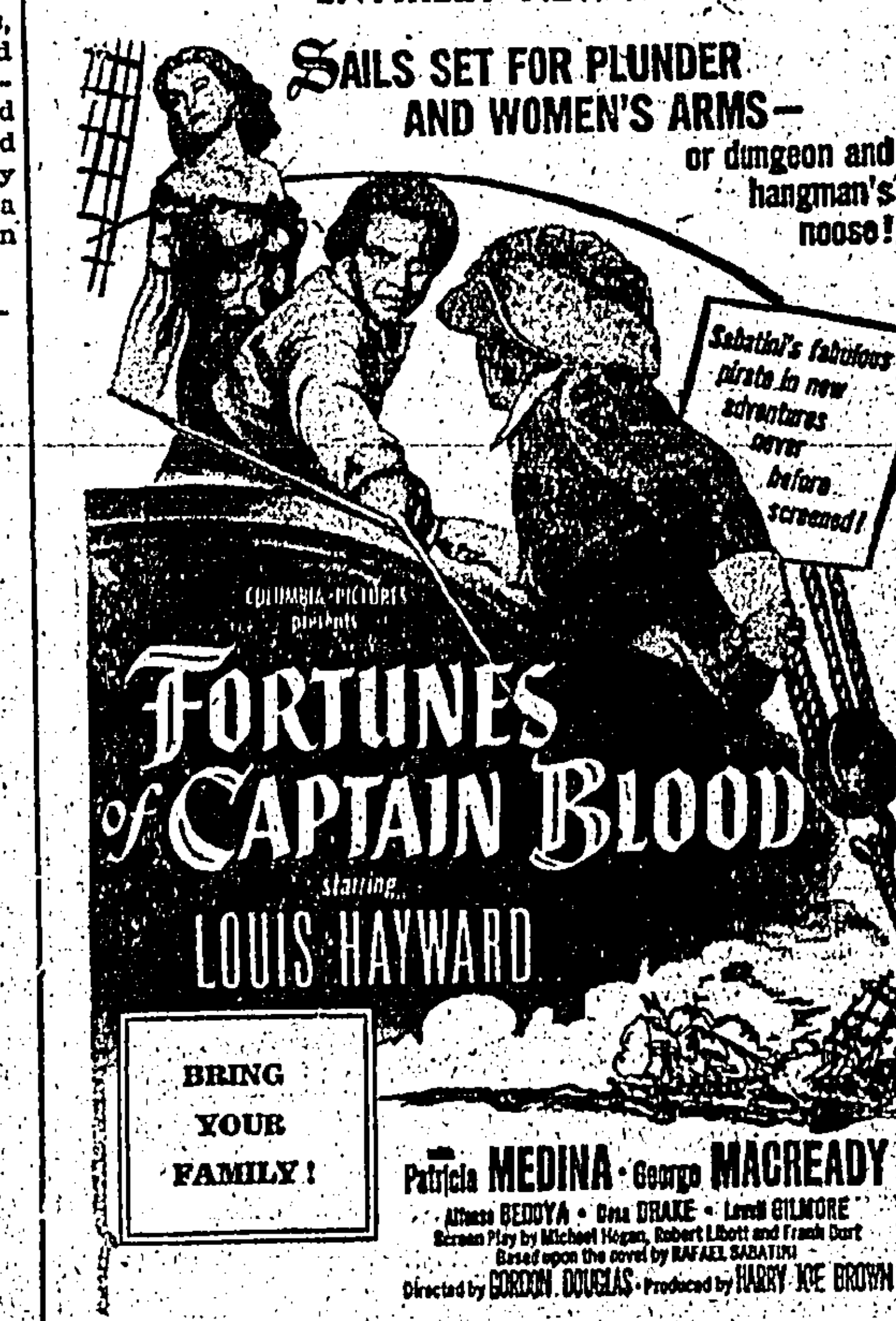
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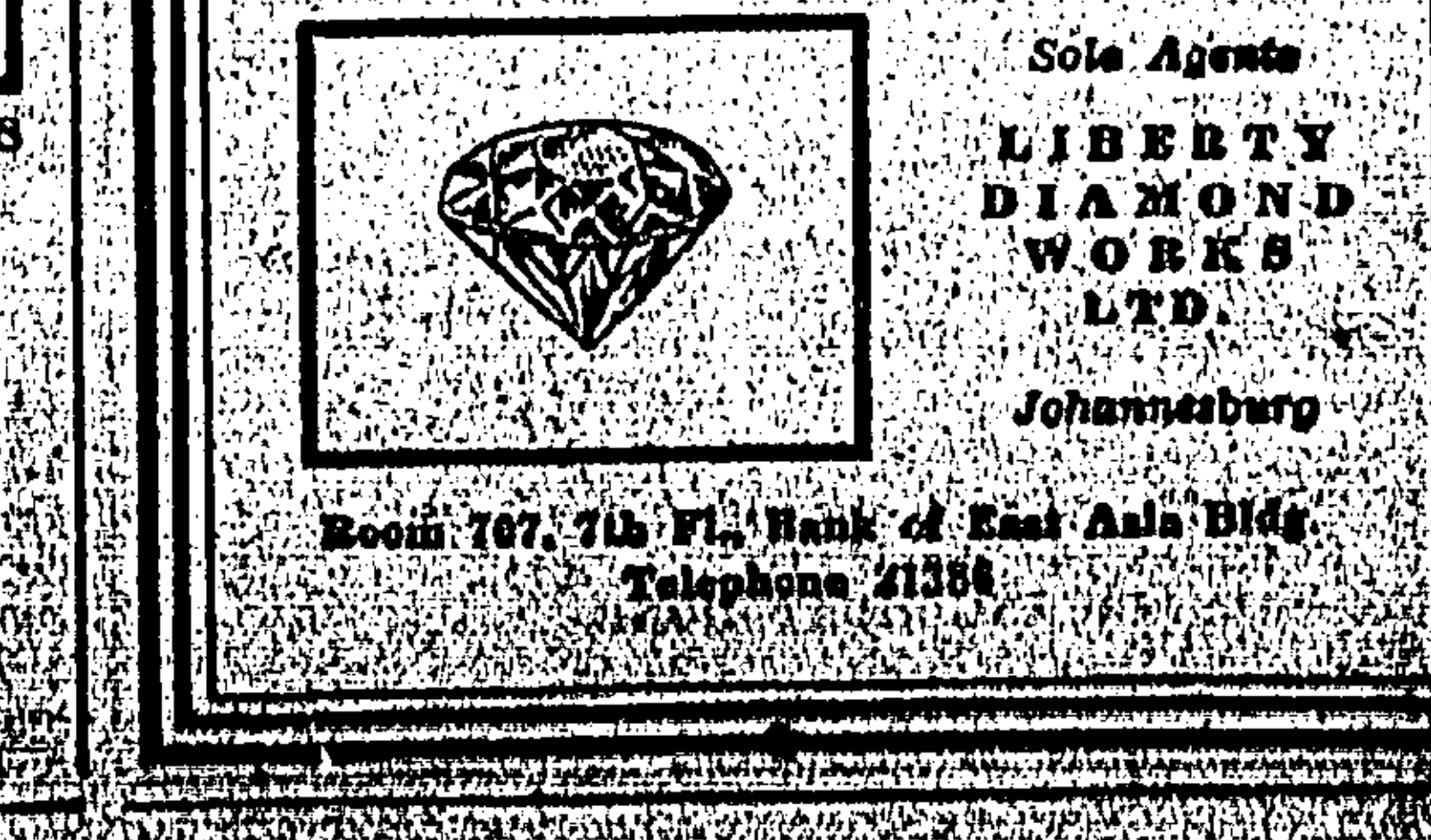
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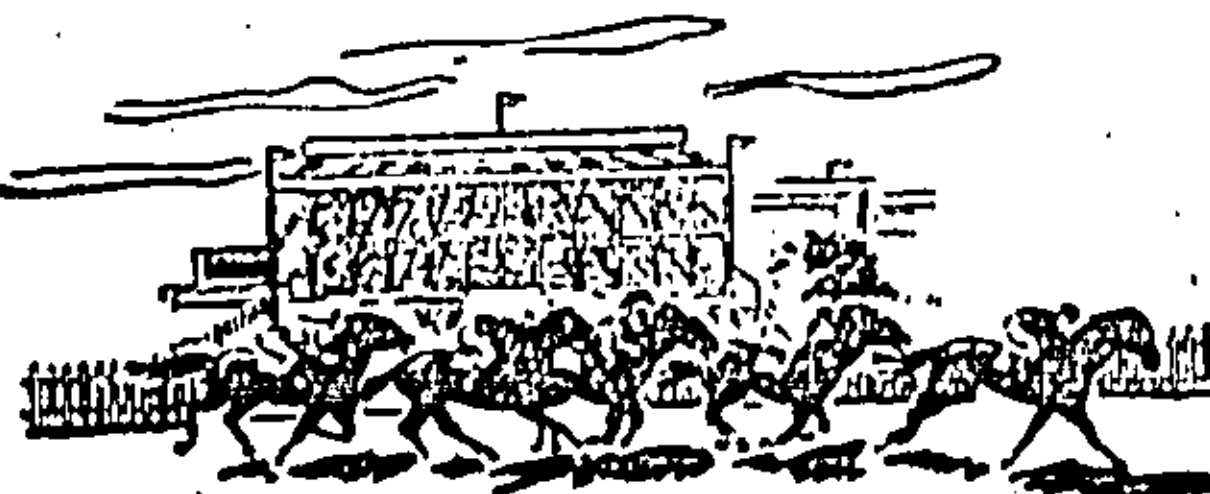
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It is the British tradition to temper justice with mercy. Normally only criminals who take life are answerable to the law in kind. Indeed, since the war the United Kingdom embarked upon an experiment in the abolition of capital punishment, with results not altogether happy either for the humanitarians or for society as a whole. But as a practical people we have to face facts. The war and its aftermath have led to new perils to the law-abiding community. Lethal weapons have been scattered far and wide in Asia and many other parts of the world. In all history there was never such a profusion, nor have so many men learnt how to use them.

The unrest, disruption, and uprooting which are so characteristic of the time induce many desperate men to take to violent crime. Sometimes they are animated by a blind vengeance against a society which has left them derelict. More often they are tempted to crime by sheer necessity and the easy way out. To such persons even a long term of imprisonment, if they are caught and convicted, can be looked upon almost as a guarantee of existence rather than a positive deterrent. But death is so permanent, and there is no question that this is the supreme deterrent.

There are cities like Singapore, where violent crime was once rampant, which have been almost freed from this kind of attack upon society, except in the form of political fanaticism. The law has not thus equipped itself in Hong Kong in order to exploit its new power relentlessly. No prosecution for offences under this new regulation will be permitted unless it is first sanctioned by the Attorney-General. And even when such a case is brought to trial the normal functions of Judge and jury will be observed to ensure that justice is done in the way it is expected to be done in British Courts. But those who contemplate the use of lethal weapons for criminal purposes will now know the risks they take and the penalty entailed.

The Attorney-General, in his address to the Legislative Council, cited statistics of crime with violence covering recent months to show to what serious proportions this danger to the law-abiding community has grown. He pointed out that while the

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FIGHTING IS MY LIFE

By Ted Broadribb

Contracts for the Woodcock bout, signed before the Lesnevich fight. The bout had been hanging fire for months, and I knew it was a real box-office winner. Woodcock was to get 20 per cent of the gate or £4,000, whichever was the greater, and we were on no less than £8,000, which happened to be more than we drew for the Lesnevich scrap—£7,111 to be exact.

Feared a slump

I remembered the slump which followed the first world war, when boxers, figuratively speaking, couldn't get a licence. Now there was a boom and I had a real attraction. I had to decide whether we should cash in while the money was there or risk the chance of fighting for peanuts a little later on. As it happened, the boom continued longer than I anticipated, but I didn't think I would have been right if I had gambled on that.

Mills earned more than £15,000 in three weeks. Not bad going, when you think that a fighter's career is a short one and that he is really in there for the dough he can earn.

What is more, those fights didn't impair his future, for, as you know, he went on to win the world light-heavyweight crown.

I still think I was right. If I had to choose between a fighter going in twice in three weeks, or having a long lay-off, I would take the two together every time, although neither is ideal. Have you ever seen your dreams go up in smoke? Seen your men-tickets slowly disappear before your eyes? It happened to me in the hot, heavy atmosphere in Harringay Arena on June 3, 1946, when the American coloured fighter, Lloyd

standard of detection and arrest for these offences is remarkably high as a result of the vigilance of the Police, yet the number of cases wherein evidence enabled trial in Court did not tell the full story. It would be a miracle to discover every instance of unlawful possession of arms. Many cases, too, may justify strong suspicion but cannot be supported by a adequate evidence.

The public in general are well aware of the increase in crime with violence, if only by the way in which a number of spectacular instances have been brought forcibly to their notice in the Press. Public opinion in general undoubtedly supports this latest and most drastic form of deterrent, and recognises its necessity.

The Legislative Council at the same time passed into law the amendment to the Jury Ordinance, which incorporates the recommendations of the Select Committee. The original amendment called on persons qualified for jury service, and their employers, to furnish their names and particulars to the Registrar of the Supreme Court. Mr. M.W. Lo raised the point that it might be difficult in some cases for such persons to determine whether the would-be juror's knowledge of the English language was sufficient to satisfy the Court. The point was referred to a Select Committee, which later made detailed recommendations.

A provision is now embodied whereby persons probably eligible for jury service may have any such doubts resolved. They may write to the Registrar and claim exemption. Any such claim will, of course, have to be supported by particulars. Employers who possess similar doubts about the qualifications of an employee concerned are also required to make formal notification of this.

Jury service is no doubt regarded with mixed feelings. To many jurors it is something of a relief from the common round, to others an interruption of business and professional duties and a thief of time that can ill be spared. But it is an essential and most valuable, as well as highly responsible, service to the community. It has been distributed more widely than was the case a generation or more ago—and quite rightly. In this matter, we feel sure, there will be no lack of sense of public duty, and exemptions will therefore only be claimed where proper and reasonable doubts exist.

Marshall, stopped Freddy Mills' gallop in five not-so-blistering rounds.

Freddy had never been knocked out during the whole of his fighting career. I had always been convinced, from the first moment I saw him, that I had a world champion in the making. His gameness, his ability to "take it," and the fact that he packed a wallop as well, had made a lot of other fight enthusiasts think the same way.

But as we walked disconsolately back to the dressing-room after Marshall had "put Freddy away," I had a feeling that many of the fans, too, thought this was the end of the trail.

Pistol punch

Mills is no alibi merchant. He was licked, and that was that. He didn't try to hide the fact that he had put up the worst performance of his career.

Everything went wrong from the first round, when Marshall caught Freddy with a left hook on the temple. Mills said that as that punch hit him it sounded like a pistol shot in his ear, and everything went black.

Whatever that punch did I can tell you that almost immediately afterwards Mills was sprawling to a Lloyd Marshall who wasn't there. Freddy was facing exactly the opposite direction to where his adversary was standing!

He seemed to lose all sense of direction, and he certainly lost his sense of timing, from that moment. I couldn't help feeling it was just a matter of how long the agony went on.

Freddy upset

Marshall had Freddy down for two in the second round, and Mills was on the canvas for "eight" and "five" in the third. He came back to land with some heavy swings in the fourth, but it was only delaying the inevitable end, which came in the fifth. I thought it was the end of a gallant battler—as far as any championship pretensions were concerned. Freddy was upset, too. But there was one man who still had the greatest confidence in Mills's ability. He was Jack Solomons, the greatest promoter of all time. That's a bold statement, but I've seen them all in the last 45 years, and that's my verdict.

It was Solomons who arranged the Marshall fight for Freddy. In the previous April we were in Johannesburg to fight Nick Wolmarans, whom Mills beat in five rounds. Solomons phoned to say that he had signed Freddy to meet Marshall on June 3 and that the American was on his way over.

Two days before the Wolmarans fight I flew home to try to get the Marshall fight postponed, knowing that the change in the climatic conditions in the two countries was bound to upset Mills. But the fight went on, with the result I have described.

Three months after Mills' defeat, just when we had got over the Marshall fight, Solomons telephoned—at the psychological moment, it seemed. "Do you want the light-heavyweight championship of the world?" Jack asked. I can't quite tell you what I said, but I think it must have been: "Yes, please."

Anyway, Freddy had by this time had a chance to forget all about Marshall, Bakel, Woodcock and company. He needed a great deal of persuading to take on somebody of his own weight. He put paid to Pol Goffaux in four rounds to win the European title, and that was the beginning of a build-up in which he accounted for Stephan Olek, Peco Bueno and Ken Shaw, before going on to that memorable White City night when he beat Lesnevich over 15 rounds at White City to bring home the world title.

I should think you could have had 1,000 to one against that possibility the night of the Marshall fight! Solomons was really the man who handed out the "Marshall Aid."

The Mills bomb which exploded in Harringay brought another unexpected ray of hope, too, for during the training for that fight, another man for whom I have world championship hopes came into the picture. Joe Whitaker, an old and esteemed friend of mine from Rugby, brought a tall, lean lad to town to see me. It was Friday—his Turkish bath day with me—and Freddy wasn't training. When Joe arrived at my home, Mrs. Broadribb advised him to take the lad over to Jack Solomons' gym to see Nat Seller.

A week's trial

Nat phoned me, and I told him to put Whitaker in with Marshall. He was training that day, and let me know how he shaped. Seller's verdict afterwards was: "He has everything, but he seems weak."

To encourage the boy I gave him £25 for a week's trial bout with Freddy, but the first time he went into the ring with Mills I began to wonder why I had done so.

side, which proved to me there and then that he was a game "un." He weighed 11st. 3lb., had a reach of 7ft. 6in., big hands, and took size 11's boots. He might be built up I thought, so I took a chance.

The build-up

With plenty of the right sort of exercise and planned dieting, and with my wife, who knows more about the fight game than any other woman I know, playing her part to the full, we managed to build up another fight machine.

That's the way I now look upon that tall lad. You've all heard of him—Johnny Williams, and I know anything about it you're all going to know a lot more of him.

Johnny has been built up into a full-blown heavyweight, and he hasn't lost a fraction of the speed he had the first day I ever saw him. More, he hasn't changed in his mental approach. He's still as game as ever.

He's cool, imperturbable, willing to the last degree, and above all, he's got a heart. He's got his already come his way hasn't altered his size in hats. He's still an unspoiled boy, and I think we shall go places. If that happens, no one will be happier than Joe Whitaker. Thanks, Joe!

Four of us were seated round the breakfast-table. There were my wife and I, Freddy Mills and his wife, who is my daughter, Chrissie. Freddy, who usually wisecracks his way through the meal, whether he has won or lost the night before, had little to say.

None of us felt particularly happy. Suddenly Freddy came out with: "Ma, what would you do if you were me?" My wife—"Ma" to Freddy—thought for a moment and replied: "If I were you I would do as Ted says."

Chrissie agreed. And the man who, until a little more than 12 hours before had been light-heavyweight champion of the world, nodded his head and went on with his breakfast.

What was the advice I had given him? I had told him to hang up his gloves. The previous night, in the dressing-room, after Joey Maxim had taken away Freddy's world title, I had said to him: "Freddy, I think you should call it a day. When nature begins to give out on you there's nothing you can do about it."

That was exactly what I felt. And I knew that when Mills said: "I've had it, I have never been the same since the first Lesnevich fight," he was saying what he really felt.

So we have come to the end of the road. It has been a long road, an exciting road, stretching back over the last nine years. At the beginning Freddy Mills was starting to climb up towards the pinnacle of fame. Today he looks back on a record which will always stand high in British boxing and he has the courage to say he is finished.

There are no hard feelings about it. I think Freddy kept the old fire hot. And when a man who is a fighter feels that way, it is time to give up. If you are sensible you accept the inevitable. But don't think Freddy is in the depths of despair—losing his title did not mean half so much as losing four top teeth.

Yet, in spite of the pain of those teeth being smashed out, he was still able to put on a grin and tell the people who came to see him: "Well, I'll get something free out of the Government after all."

No disgrace

He was being just himself. He is one of those fellows who never did that even when he was world champion. That was a shrewd reckoning, because it means he does not have far to fall.

And in any case, he had been beaten by quite the most skillful boxer among big men I have ever seen. So there's no disgrace in that. I'll tell you frankly that when "Doc" Kearns said Maxim could box like Driscoll I thought it was the biggest piece of old stakes I had heard. Now I know he was right.

All my scheming as to how Mills could beat him came to naught. To me the outstanding cause of Freddy's defeat was that he met a boxer who could walk right in to Harley-street and put up a name-plate as a specialist in his particular art. In my judgment Maxim was brilliant. His moves were those of the master craftsman.

Mills said to me afterwards: "Joeey is the best boxer-fighter I've ever met. I and when he moves Woodcock although Erice will be stronger. Maxim would have the edge on him in every other part of a boxer's make-up. At the same time I know from experience that Erice has a wallop, and I've been wrong before. I could be again."

After the first round, when Mills landed a couple of Joe's teeth, and looked a possible winner, and a half-way through the second round, when he landed

But before the second round was over I began to have an uncanny feeling of disaster. I said as much to Frank Duffett, our manager, and trainer Nat Seller. Maxim was dictating how he wanted the fight to go, and I had the thought running through my head that he was like a billiard champion nominating and getting all the shots he required, while Freddy, either on attack or defence, often appeared to benefit by flukes, many of which seemed to be the answer to our wishful thinking—and especially to Mills' followers far from the immediate ringside.

Superb defence

One had to be close in to see Maxim's extraordinary skill. He anticipated Freddy's every move. His defence was superb.

It was in the fifth round that he caught Mills with a short right jolt and landed his upper teeth. When Freddy came back to the corner I took out of my mouthpiece and found it full of blood, with one tooth hanging forward. Freddy told Nat to take it out, but from that time his shield was ill-fitting and he couldn't grip it properly.

After the sixth Nat pulled out the centre upper tooth and we found another broken in half. From that time the writing was on the wall. Although Mills still waded in he found Maxim much too cagey.

Finally, in the 10th, he went out to a fast one-two punch on his loosely-hanging jaw.

So that was the end of a story. The end of a great fighter for me. Fighting is our living—but even so I could not bring myself to try to persuade Freddy to test his endurance again in the ring.

He could have more fights. There's his European title, his British Empire championship, as well as the British one he has held for nearly eight years. That would mean money for him, money for me. But there's a point beyond which I will not go.

Were Freddy to think of fighting again, it would be without his blessing. He's the master of his own destiny, and as far as I am concerned that's the way it would stay if he felt like changing his mind. I should feel that the only thing I could rightly do would be to hand back his contract.

Film chance?

Now Freddy is going to have a rest, then he'll look around. There may be something doing in the films, as well as personal appearances, and he may apply for a manager's licence.

In the meantime, if Jack Kearns goes back to the States, I shall be his representative, looking after Maxim. Jack has already said to me: "If anything should happen to me, Joeey belongs to you." A gesture which I think reflects his confidence in me.

Whatever happens, I am not likely to forget Freddy and I went a long way together—from the bottom to the top. Now, because I don't think there's the slightest doubt that his mind is made up, you've seen the last of the Broadribb-Mills combination as a fighting force.

It's not a happy note on which to end my reminiscences. But I'll for me has been a succession of building-up efforts, and for what time is left to me in the fight game I still hope to go on building. Champions I've had—but only one Freddy. But you never know what you'll find in the bag if you dig deep enough.

So I'll keep on digging....

The end



These new emergency regulations have come as a bombshell to some of our tougher citizens.

"The Premier said that the Vietnamese battalion... was now asking to be deformed and returned to Vietnam to fight against the Communists."

"Obviously willing to back their hunch."

At the Shah's engagement to an 18-year-old beauty, guests crowded about, offering the traditional "shobarak" bad, or good luck.

Or, not bad at all, eh?

The RAF's "Chief, Principal Matron" has arrived here.

She was met by the main staff, most senior officer in charge there.

Protests are being made in America about the arrival of a shipment of Chinese powdered eggs.

Don't see what the fuss is about. Uncle Sam, through the farm subsidy scheme, has hardly enough stocks of this commodity to supply the nation for 40 years.

If the report on the Philippines is released, it is likely to ring a bell in Congress.

Soldiers in Korea needing transfusion may soon have Japanese prince's blood in their veins.

They will not, however, automatically qualify for dual nationality.

It doesn't take a trained observer to see a Fury in the faces of the North Koreans these days.

"In the evening he will hold discussions with the President and Mr. Robert Schuman."

Yes, according to the Good Book, even a robber can be so human.

Manila would like Messrs. Truman and MacArthur to hold their meeting there. This, I'm afraid, is only a PI in the sky.

"The Korean Communists flooded South Korea with their military scripts."

In view of the directives the Pentagon has been sending over, these must look pretty elementary.

Australia's would-be Channel swimmer, we learn, "weighs 10 stone 8 lb. and stands 5 ft. 4 in., eats normal foods but wears light clothes."

My spies tell me that sometimes for a change she eats light foods and wears normal clothes.

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RUSSIA WANTS BIG 5 CONFERENCE ON PEACE

Mr. Vyshinsky announces answer to U.S. proposal REJECTION BY THE WEST

Lake Success, October 11.

Russia today formally proposed a Big Five conference on international peace and security and demanded that the United Nations set up a permanent international police force under the Security Council.

This was Russia's answer to the American proposal to give the veto-less General Assembly international armed forces to be used against aggressors whenever the Security Council is paralysed in an emergency by a veto.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, who tossed out feelers on these proposals before the General Assembly's main Political Committee yesterday, submitted both propositions today in resolution form.

The Soviet feelers met a lukewarm reception from informal spokesmen for the British and American delegations. Mr. Vyshinsky's proposals differed from the American proposal in one important respect: the United States and the six countries co-sponsoring its resolution were convinced that the Security Council had been able to vote fighting sanctions against North Korea in June only because Russia failed to break its United Nations boycott to veto the measure.

The Western powers reason each United Nations member should earmark a part of its national armed forces to be used against aggressors at the direction of the veto-less General Assembly when a veto paralyses the Security Council.

Mr. Vyshinsky based his proposals on Article 43 of the Charter, which provides for a permanent standing armed force to be placed under the orders of the Security Council. Russia, which has used the veto 45 times at the Council, would be able to block use of this force in any situation not to its liking.

The Russian proposal for a Big Five meeting was based on Article 106 of the Charter. This article, which the West regards as an interim measure, to be used only until a permanent armed force is established, calls for Russia, the United States,

Germans told to contribute to defence

Frankfurt, October 11. The British High Commissioner in Germany, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, declared today that the Western people will tolerate for long vast expenditures to defend Western Germany while the Germans contribute nothing.

But the Western allies have no intention of coercing Germany or soliciting her support in defence plans against the Communist threat, he said.

The character and extent of German aid to Western defence is still to be determined, Sir Ivone told a meeting of American district Occupation officials.

And the Western powers, he said, must create the necessary conditions and the necessary political atmosphere to enable German collaboration in all fields to become effective.

He added: "We must create a Western Germany the same happy relationship between the Allies and the Germans as in Berlin."

Sir Ivone said that the Allies had assured the defence of Western Germany if the young Bonn republic is to survive.

He stressed that reinforcing Allied armies in Germany will require "severe efforts by our peoples."—Associated Press.

Britain, France and China (then Chiang Kai-shek's government—but now undoubtedly the Kremlin would insist on Mao Tse-tung's regime) to consult "with a view to such joint action on behalf of the organisation as may be necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security."

Reaction of West

Initial Western reaction was that no opportunity for Big Power consultation should be overlooked if it holds the promise.

U.S. acceptance in principle

Lake Success, October 11. The United States today accepted in principle the Soviet proposals calling for five power consultations on maintaining peace and for a speed up of measures to set up an international army. But the Americans made it plain that these two steps are provided for in the United Nations Charter and should have been taken long ago.—Associated Press.

mise of constructive result, but Western sources expressed the opinion that Russia should be given no opportunity to return to the rule of the Council of Foreign Ministers by placing control of international peace and security under the Big Powers instead of under the United Nations.

The first speaker in the afternoon was the Pakistani Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, who said Pakistan "certainly supports" the seven-power resolution to give the Assembly broader powers.

"Upon examination the resolution plans to do no more than put into practice powers vested in the Assembly under the Charter... then we can have no objection to the resolution," stated Sir Zafrullah. "However, if upon examination it should appear the resolution confers upon the Assembly powers it does not hold, it would appear we are trying to amend the Charter by a resolution."

He said the United Nations might have to obtain International Court of Justice opinion on this point. He added that he did not wish to say, one way or the other, whether the proposed resolution violated the Charter, but he wanted other delegates to express their opinions on the matter.

"It is not proper to conclude, we think, that the resolution grants powers to the Assembly which are not permitted under the Charter, but we would be very grateful to hear other views on this," he continued.

He said his general endorsement of the aims of the resolution was from the "sense of frustration" which came from not being able to take effective action because of Big Power veto in the Security Council.

Sir Zafrullah was followed by Sir Denegal Rao of India, who was non-committal about the seven-power resolution and said India wanted to see it in its final form—after all amendments and suggestions had been examined—before taking a firm stand on the matter. He analysed briefly the seven-power draft and urged the Committee to make it as precise and unambiguous as possible. He pointed out that some parts of it could be revised, but did not go into details.

Canada said it would welcome the Russian feeler for a Big Five conference if it meant "effective and genuine consultation." The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, told the Committee that Mr. Vyshinsky's suggestion that the Big Powers carry out provisions to establish a permanent international police force for the world organisation "is the best news we have heard for a long time" if Mr. Vyshinsky really meant it.

Spokesmen for other Western powers, discussing the issue outside the Committee, rejected Mr. Vyshinsky's feeler.

Mr. Vyshinsky's first resolution read: "For the purpose of maintaining international peace and security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in particular with Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of the Charter, the General Assembly recommends that it should take the necessary steps to insure taking of action provided under the Charter in case of any threat to peace or act of aggression, and to secure peaceful settlement of disputes or situations likely to threaten the maintenance of international peace and security; that it should decide on measures to secure rapid application of Articles 43, 45, and 57 of the Charter of the United Nations relating to placing of armed forces at the disposal of the Security Council by states members of the United Nations and effective operation of the Military Staff Committee."

The second Soviet resolution said: "The General Assembly, taking into account the particular importance of concerted action by the five permanent members of the Security Council in defending and strengthening peace and security among nations, recommends before armed forces are placed at the disposal of the Security Council under appropriate agreements concluded in accordance with Article 43 of the Charter, the five permanent members of the Security Council—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, China and France—should take steps to ensure necessary implementation of Article 106 of the Charter providing for consultation between them and they should consult together in accordance with said Article 106 for the purpose of such joint action on behalf of the organisation as may prove to be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security."—United Press.

Korea war far from over

Washington, October 11. An American Defense Department spokesman said today that the war in Korea is far from over. "There is plenty of fighting ahead," he added.

The spokesman told reporters at the Department's routine press conference that the United States should not be lulled into any false sense of optimism by the successes of the United Nations forces.

The Defense Department spokesman said that there had been "no indication" of any mass surrender by the Korean Communists, though some good sized groups—up to several hundred men—had thrown down their arms.

He also pointed out that North Korea is larger than South Korea, and is more mountainous, affording good cover for guerrilla operations. —Reuter.

Sino-Soviet rift likely on Japan

London, October 11.

The United States proposals for the Japanese peace treaty contain provisions that may widen the rift between Russia and Communist China, informed sources said yesterday.

These proposals were said to have been circulated in a secret memorandum among United Nations delegations with whom the United States has been conducting bilateral discussions on the procedure for the peace conference.

These sources said the proposals appeared to open the door to eventual Chinese Communist participation in the treaty conferences, but under rules of procedure that would probably not be acceptable to Russia.

The memorandum was said to propose that "any nation which participated in the war against Japan would be eligible to attend the peace conference if it agreed to abide by the general rules of procedure."

Informed sources said this was taken here to mean that the participants of the peace conference would agree to drop the power of the veto.

"This would include Communist China—or rather, by making it worthwhile for the Peking government not to raise objections, it would be a strong inducement to Peking not to be aligned with Russia's position on procedure," one informed source said.

Another item in the United States Japanese peace proposals was said to be that Japan must recognise Korea's independence and United States trusteeship over the Ryukyu Islands and that the United States should decide the future of Formosa, South Sakhalin, the Kuriles and the Pescadores.

An informed source said this was an unexpected feature of the United States proposals. It could be an attempt to play on China's dislike of the secret accords made at Yalta by which Russia was allowed to occupy South Sakhalin and the Kuriles, which the new Chinese regime resents as wholly as did the Kuomintang government.

The American proposals would therefore strike a blow at the Russian position in the Far East on behalf of both China and Japan.—United Press.

London, October 11. A man found a wad of notes worth more than £30 while walking along a London street today. His name—Frederick James Lusk.—Reuter.

U.S. discussing Jap treaty with Russia, Acheson declares

Washington, October 11.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the United States was discussing a proposal for a Japanese peace treaty with representatives of the Soviet Union and other members of the Far Eastern Commission.

With the authority of President Truman the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly was engaged in these talks, he said.

Mr. Acheson told his weekly press conference that Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican member of the United States delegation, had been pushing ahead with the conversations during the United Nations General Assembly meetings in New York.

He had spoken with representatives of Russia and other members of the Far Eastern Commission.

Mr. Acheson said that it would "undoubtedly be necessary for America to send food to Yugoslavia to assist them after the recent drought."

Discussions were now going on between the Yugoslav Government and the United States Government, though Marshal Tito had not made a formal application for assistance, he added.

Speaking of rearmament, Mr. Acheson said that the United States Government was still in favour of German units being incorporated in a unified North Atlantic army. The United States was pushing ahead with preparations for its own contributions to such an army.

He denied reports in the French press that he had told French leaders in New York that if they did not agree to the use of German units in the North Atlantic army, the United States would not station additional troops in Europe.

U.S. proposal

Mr. Acheson added that at the recent "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York, the United States had made a proposal on the whole concept of a unified force to defend Western Europe, including the use of German units. That proposal would be the subject of the next meeting of the Defence Ministers of the North Atlantic Powers in Washington at the end of this month.

Mr. Acheson disclosed that he and the United States Secretaries of Defence and the Treasury would shortly be going over questions on France's military and financial budget problems in 1951 with the French Finance and Foreign ministers who are in Washington today.

Asked about American aid to the French forces fighting the Vietnamese forces, the Secretary of State said that the United States was going forward with the existing programme of military aid to Indo-China.

No consideration had been given to the possibility of sending any American troops there. As for American assistance to the British rearmament programme he replied that discussions so far had been directed towards the starting of the programme itself. But there had been no discussions on the long-range problems involved and no commitments had been made.

Relief programme

Mr. Acheson hoped that American relief programmes would be co-ordinated with the Commonwealth six-year \$1,786,000,000 plan of economic assistance to countries of South East Asia.

Asked whether he thought that the Truman-MacArthur meeting would be helpful in the formulation of United States Far Eastern policy, he said that it was only right that all comment

on that subject should come from the White House.

He said that he was disappointed at the Koreans' refusal to accept General MacArthur's call to lay down their arms.

It would have been wise and patriotic for the North Koreans to accept General MacArthur's demand, made in the name of the United Nations, he said. He still hoped that second thoughts would prevail with the North Koreans, and that they would accept the judgment of the United Nations General Assembly.—Reuter.

Red China dissatisfied with Russia

London, October 11.

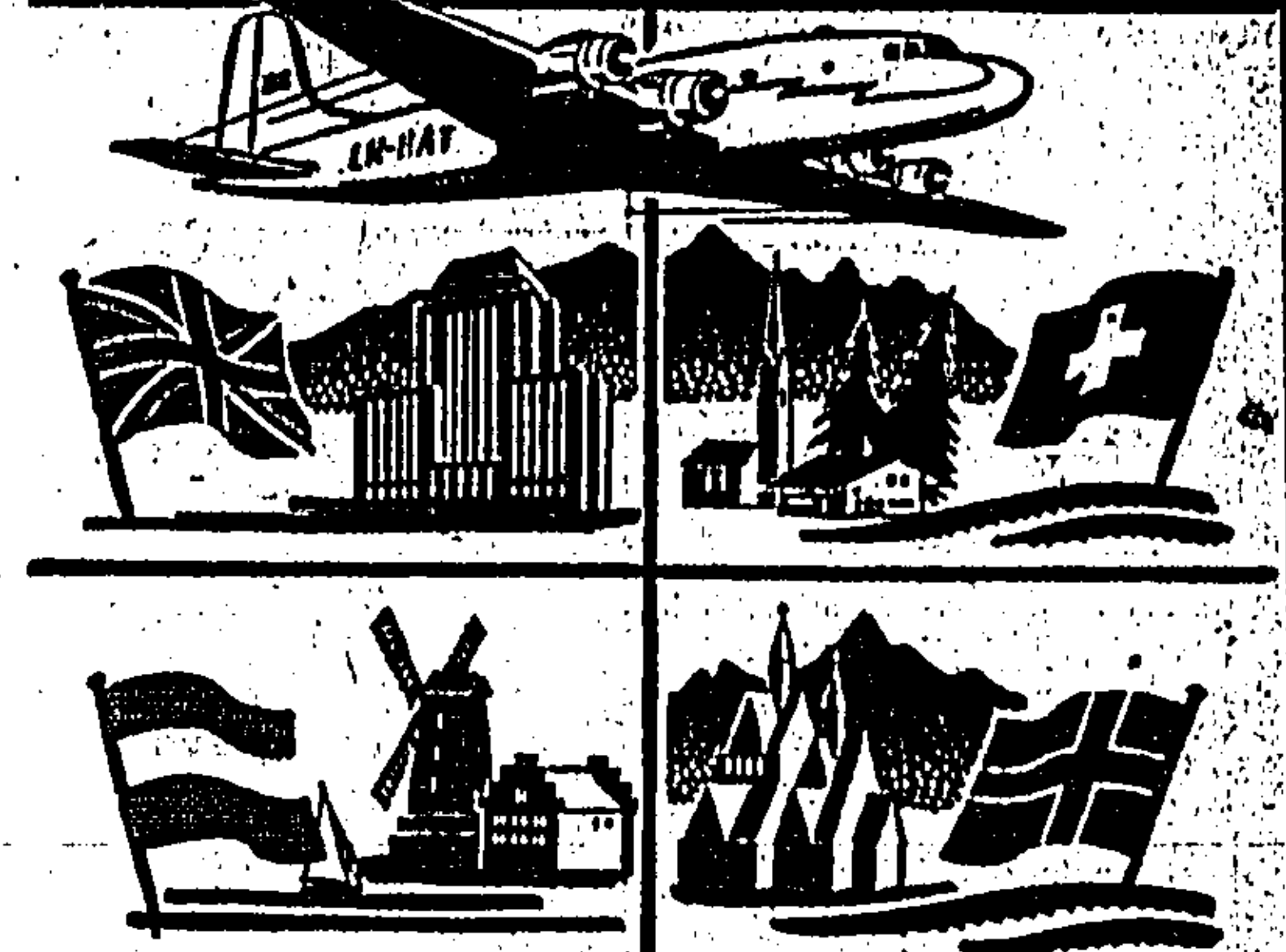
Informed sources said today that there were indications that Communist China was dissatisfied with economic aid from Russia.

They said that in place of the \$275,000,000 worth of United States aid allocated to China in 1949, Red China regrets that she has been able to get only a five-year credit for \$300,000,000 from the Soviet Union. This credit must be repaid by raw materials, tea and gold bars.

Informed sources said there were indications that Communist China's relations with Britain are likely to improve in the coming months. The official announcement that Sir M. E. Denning, head of the Far Eastern Division of the Foreign Office, would visit the Far East was seen as an "important diplomatic event."

In some quarters, it was believed that he would become Britain's first Ambassador to Peking.—United Press.

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To command Dutch troops in Korea



Major-General M. P. A. den Ouden (right) will command two companies of Dutch Army troops which the Netherlands is putting at the disposal of the United Nations in Korea. At left is Captain W. D. H. Eekhout, who will be second-in-command of the Dutch force. Both officers have far East fighting experience having commanded units in Indonesia. In foreground are their wives (left to right) Mrs. Eekhout and Mrs. den Ouden.—AP Photo.

ENGAGEMENT OF SHAH OF IRAN

Teheran, October 11.

A smiling Shah placed a diamond engagement ring on the finger of his 18-year-old bride-to-be, Saroya Esfandiari, in a traditional Persian betrothal ceremony today before the Royal Family.

The young couple then received members of the Court and government leaders, headed by the Premier, at a small reception in the glittering Hall of Mirrors, at the Marble Palace.

One by one, members of the Royal Family, Court functionaries, and government officials filed past to kiss the Shah's hand and wish him happiness. The future Empress, dressed entirely in white satin lace, showed great dignity and poise. She and the Shah, who was wearing the dark blue uniform of Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Air Force, then posed for half an hour for photographers.

"His Majesty looks happier than I have seen him for years," commented one old acquaintance

as the usually serious Shah smiled at his future wife and laughed with members of his family.

His fiancée looked more solemn as she endured the unfamiliar stage of spotlights and flash bulbs. Also present was Saroya's father, Khalil Esfandiari, wealthy son of the late Bakhtiari tribal chief, Esfandiari Khan Sardar Assad.

The marriage is bound to cement the relationship between the Royal Family and one of the most important of the many Iranian mountain tribes.

Her German-born mother is staying in Switzerland with Saroya's 12-year-old brother.

A Court official said the wedding ceremony will be delayed until after the two-month Moslem mourning period of Moharram and Safar which begins on Friday.

One source said the wedding might even be put off until March, the beginning of the Persian New Year.

Until the wedding, Saroya and her father will live in a house not far from the Palace.—Associated Press.

S. Korean police patrolling N. Korean towns

Seoul, October 11.

South Korean National Police already are patrolling nine towns liberated in Red North Korea by troops of the Republic.

The Home Minister, Chough Pyong-uk, said in an interview the police in those towns are part of a force of 30,000 being recruited to keep order in all Red territory as it is freed from Communist rule.

"Careful preparations are being made to set up civil government agencies in the whole territory, above the 38th parallel," Chough added.

"The plan of recovery is proceeding very smoothly because the Korean people are cheerful, co-operative and loyal," said Chough.—Associated Press.

BRITISH CAR EXPORT

London, October 11.
Australia, Canada and Sweden were Britain's best auto customers during the first eight months of this year. Total British car exports for the period were 228,000 compared with 129,875 during the same 1949 months.
Exports during 1950: Britain, Australia, 20,000; Canada, 15,000; Sweden, 17,000; South Africa, 18,000; the United States, 25,000; Belgium, 9,000; New Zealand, 9,000; and Netherlands, 7,000.—Associated Press.

Sultan lays wreath at tomb

Paris, October 11.

The Sultan of Morocco paid homage to France's Unknown Soldier here today in glittering ceremonies at the Arch of Triumph. One of Paris' worst traffic jams resulted.

Thousands of people lined the broad Champs Elysees in bright sunshine to applaud the 40-year-old ruler, Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef.

A squad of mounted Spahis North African desert troops, led the way.

The Sultan laid a wreath of red chrysanthemums before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and stood in silence for one minute. The wreath bore a ribbon labelled, simply: "H. M. le Sultan."

The Sultan arrived here yesterday as the guest of the French President, Mr. Vincent Auriol. He is expected to ask for greater independence for his 8,500,000 Moroccan subjects.—Associated Press.

CIVIL DEFENCE FORCE FOR UK

Coventry, England, October 11.

The Home Secretary, Mr. J. Chuter Ede, said in an address tonight that Britain aims to set up a Civil Defence Force of about 800,000 within a few months.—Associated Press.

Egyptian girl claims she'll be virgin mother of prophet

Cairo, October 11.

An Egyptian girl who announced publicly last April she would be the virgin mother of a great religious leader says she is now in the fifth month of her pregnancy.

Tawhida Ahmed Hamdi, 27-year-old daughter of a minor Egyptian government engineer, told the Associated Press she expects to give birth early next February to El Mahdi. El Mahdi, according to Moslem tradition, is an awaited prophet who will announce the second coming of Christ.

Tawhida (whose name means "Believer" in one God) spoke through a closed door in the small flat where she lives with her parents and two young brothers.

She has made no public appearance since last April 7—Good Friday in the Christian religion. On that date, dressed in a long white satin cloak, with hood and veil, she made a dramatic appearance at Cairo's famous Mosque of Hussein.

She said then that the angel Gabriel bade her pray at the mosque that day, after telling her she would soon conceive. She claimed to have talked with Gabriel many times since he first announced her part in the "miraculous" birth in March, 1949.

"Gabriel visited me on Friday night, May 12," a Moslem holy day, she said, "and announced that God's will would be fulfilled that night."

Tawhida's father, an earnest man who believes completely in his daughter, said she first noticed movement of the baby inside her at the end of August.

Scepticism

Moslem religious leaders here have viewed scepticism over Tawhida's story. They say that Gabriel, according to the teachings of Islam, fulfilled his last mission on earth some 1,350 years ago when he dictated the Koran—the Moslem bible—to the prophet Mohammed.

Tawhida says of these sceptics, "They are wrong. I am ready for an argument with any of them." She says she is willing to undergo any medical, civil or religious investigation to prove her statements.

Her father asserts: "Tomorrow the light will shine and everybody will see." He and the rest of the family all claim to have talked with Gabriel through Tawhida,

although only Tawhida has seen the archangel.

Tawhida now spends her time in silent prayer at home. She says Gabriel has told her not to leave her house without his permission.

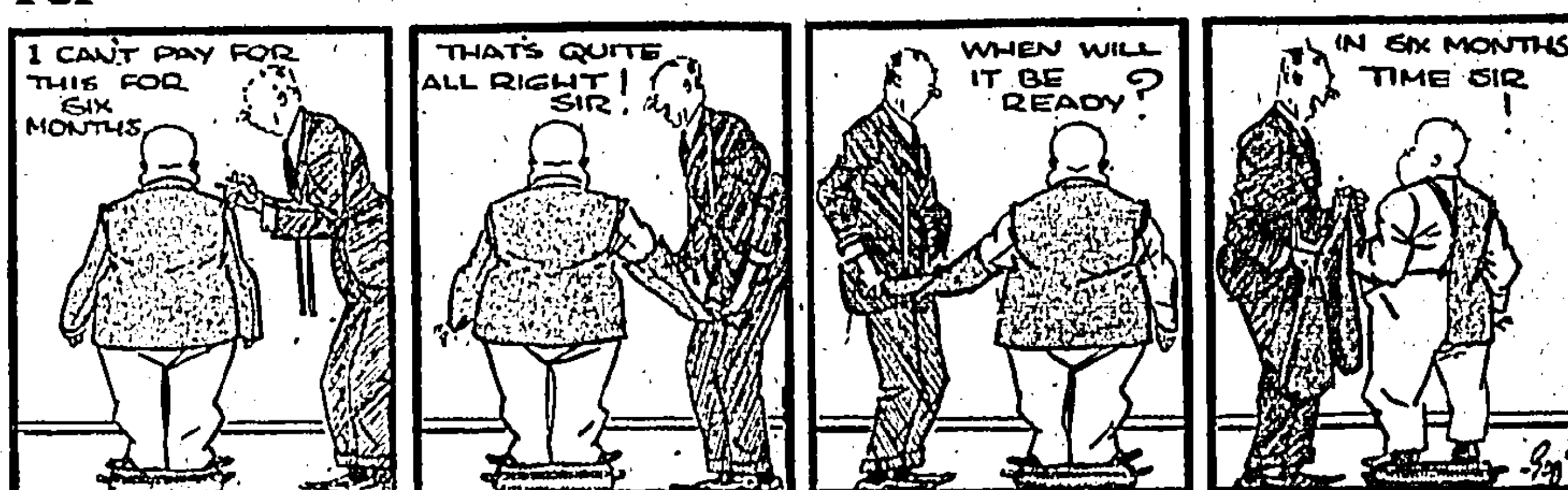
The religion of Islam recognizes Christ as a prophet second only to the prophet Mohammed. Moslem tradition says that Christ will come back to earth at a Moslem "to rally erring humanity to the true religion of Islam."—Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 11.—The United States Steel Corp., the producer of one-third of America's steel, today agreed to open wage negotiations with the United Steel Workers Union.

Discussions will open at Pittsburgh on October 16.

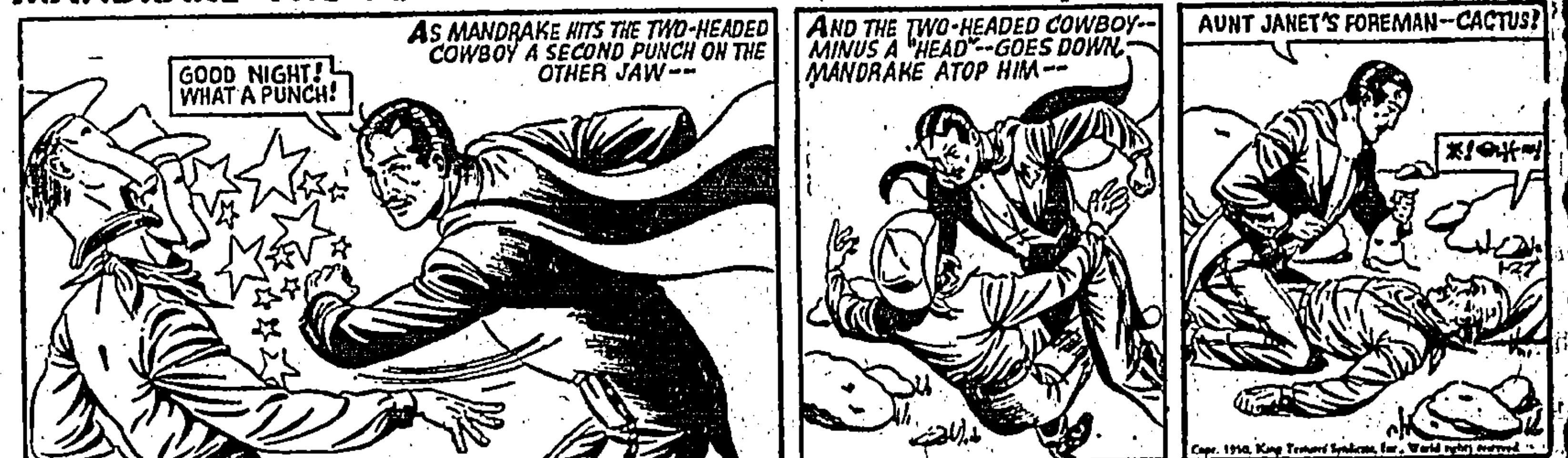
The million-member Union, already conducting wage negotiations with about 35 other companies.—Reuter.

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